GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4348
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INDIAN BUS SET ON FIRE IN BANGLADESH
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a passenger bus on the Agartala-Dhaka route was set ablaze in Bangladesh recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has taken up the matter with the Bangladesh authorities;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government of Bangladesh in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (e) As per available information, on September 21, 2012 a Dhaka bound 'Maitree' bus plying from Agartala was set on fire and burnt by a mob, who were observing a local 'hartal', at Narsingdi, Bangladesh. However, none of the passengers were injured.

The matter was immediately taken up with the Government of Bangladesh through diplomatic channels and the Government of Bangladesh assured that necessary security arrangements would be ensured for the bus service.